

# SAVANNAH.

Arrival of the Rebecca Clyde with a Cargo of Cotton.

Terrible Conflagration in the City.

More than Two Hundred Buildings Destroyed.

Explosion of a Magazine.

The City Shelled for Two Hours.

Several Persons Killed and Wounded.

Fearful Scenes.

Full Particulars of the Burning.

By Mr. Thomas J. Cummins' Despatch.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 29, 1865.

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# THE PEACE MISSION.

President Lincoln En Route for Fortress Monroe.

Interview to be Held There With Messrs. A. H. Stephens, R. M. T. Hunter and J. A. Campbell.

Reasons Why the Conference is Not Held in Washington.

The Reception of the Rebel Commissioners Within the Union Lines.

The Soldiers of Both Armies Greet Them With Hearty Cheers.

Our Special Washington Despatch.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2, 1865.

THE PEACE MISSION HAS SOMEWHAT QUIETED down to-day; but the probabilities and possibilities of a cessation of hostilities, as a consequence of the efforts now being made for that purpose, are generally discussed.

THE COMMUNITY WERE SOMEWHAT STARTLED this morning by the rather precipitate departure of President Lincoln, with a single attendant and a carpet bag, for Fortress Monroe or City Point.

Speculation as to the object and purpose of this Presidential "change of base" was universal, and the conclusions arrived at almost as numerous as the speculators.

The most generally entertained opinion, and which seems best substantiated, is that Mr. Blair, while in Richmond, gave a pledge that if a delegation were sent to confer in reference to a settlement they should have an audience with the President.

The rising storm of indignation on the part of the more radical republicans against Mr. Blair, and incidentally against the President, for the steps that have already been taken, with a quasi-official endorsement by the venerable diplomat, rendered the reception of the rebel diplomats at the capital inconvenient and inadvisable.

Mr. Seward was accordingly sent to meet them; they claimed the fulfillment of the promise of a personal interview with the President, and he, to solve the difficulty, went to meet them, instead of allowing them the freedom of Washington.

It will perhaps be some days before anything can be certainly known as to the nature of the propositions that may be submitted or the result of the interview.

The attempt in the Senate to-day to take up the resolution in reference to the Blair mission was unsuccessful, and pending present conferences it is not probable that any Congressional action will be taken in reference to the matter.

THE PRESS DESPATCH.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2, 1865.

TO-DAY, at eleven o'clock, President Lincoln left Washington by a special train for Annapolis, for the purpose, it is understood, of joining Secretary Seward at Fortress Monroe or City Point, to hold an interview with the rebel deputation, Messrs. A. H. Stephens, R. M. T. Hunter and John A. Campbell.

President Lincoln took his departure in a special car, drawn by engine No. 18, which was placed upon the road at a few moments' notice by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

The President was accompanied by only one of the attendants of the White House.

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rebel commissioners were then there on board a steamer, and it was understood that they were awaiting the arrival of some one from Washington.

THE "CONFEDERATE" COMMISSIONERS. [From the Washington Chronicle, Feb. 2.] There is so much discussion about the propositions of peace between the government of the United States and the disappointed leaders who have compelled a large portion of our people to take arms against it, that we should be indifferent to our own frequent, early and recent expressions on the subject if we did not take some little part in the debate. The subject itself is not so little as it seems. It touches the greatest and appeals the smallest minds. Transcending ordinary topics and evanescent politics, it demands the attention of every one who thinks, or talks, or writes upon it. We can best understand how they feel who have suffered the fearful punishment of rebellion against the institutions of our common fathers, by remembering how much we commemorated them, even with the sense of their dreadful crime before our eyes. Pride, passion, and a haughty sense of refusing to repent, have been the triple cause of hatred among the families of men as among the families of nations. But we cannot